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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 1 November 1957

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PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,  
Col. White, [redacted] Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted]  
Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

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c) Noted that after the NSC meeting on 31 October, Secretary Quarles indicated that he was disturbed about the contents of the letter respecting the Soviet Guided Missile Program submitted to the DCI by Messrs. [redacted]

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[redacted] consultants to CIA. This letter was subsequently forwarded by the Director to General Goodpaster for the President and to the Secretaries of State and Defense. He also said that Mr. Quarles had particularly noted that these consultants had brought out the fact that while they realized Intelligence has no responsibility for making comparisons of the US - Soviet Missile Program, it is their belief that Guided Missile Intelligence must be more closely interwoven both within itself and with US Research and Development Programs in order that the Intelligence Community might be able to arrive at firmer conclusions on a greatly accelerated time base.

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Mr. Bissell stated he was strongly of the opinion that there should be a comparative estimate of US - Soviet Guided Missile capabilities since to his knowledge there is no one place where all this information is drawn together.

Mr. Kirkpatrick pointed out that with the convening Congress it was certain that its Members will be constantly seeking such information. The Director said only the President could approve such an estimate and noted his intention of speaking to him.

d) Noted that General Cutler had requested that we bring up to date SNIE 100-5-57 (Soviet Shelter Program). The Director also asked Mr. Amory to have Hugh Cumming bring the old estimate (SNIE 100-5-57) to the attention of the Secretary of State.

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f) Asked Mr. Wisner what we plan to do at such time as the announcement is made by the Soviets about Zhukov's future. Mr. Wisner said this was under active consideration, however, no final plan had been reached. The Director commented that we should be ready to go at a moment's notice.

General Cabell:

Briefly reported on our meeting with representatives of the Bureau of the Budget yesterday afternoon and noted that we had taken a very strong position in not being put on the defensive. He said Budget had proposed that one of its representatives together with a representative from CIA make a joint field survey and commented he believed this could be handled best by making such a survey at one field station engaged in a variety of activities.

Mr. Amory:

Received the Director's approval to recommend to Hugh Cumming that State send out a circular cable urging special effort on the part of U. S. Military Attaches to associate with Soviet Attaches at least between now and 7 November. Such association, however, must necessarily be based on local conditions. 25X1

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